

NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT

(EXEMPT FROM THE ADJUDICATION FILING REQUIREMENTS)

IMPORTANT NOTE

Water rights for stock and domestic (one household) uses from groundwater sources (wells, developed springs) were exempted from the filing requirements for claims of existing water rights in the general adjudication of water rights if they met either of the following criteria.

1. The water must have been in use prior to January 1, 1962, or
2. The water must have been put to use between January 1, 1962 and July 1, 1973, and a notice filed under the 1961 Groundwater Codes.

Instream domestic or stock use in use prior to July 1, 1973, was also exempted from the filing requirements.

A person who claims to have a water right that is exempt may file this form for the purpose of receiving notice from the Department of permit applications, change authorizations, or reservations that may affect the owner's water right. Filing this notice does not relieve a person of the responsibility of establishing the existence of the water right. Acceptance of this form by the Department does not constitute a recognition by the State of Montana that the right is a valid existing water right.

Submit the completed form to the Water Resources Office serving the county in which the development is located, as listed on the back of this form.

Filing Fee: \$50.00**FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

Application No. _____ Basin _____

Date Received _____

Rec'd By _____

Fee Rec'd \$ _____

Check No. _____

Transmittal No. _____

Refund \$ _____ Date _____

1. **OWNER'S NAME(S)** _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

2. **DATE THE WATER WAS FIRST USED** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If only a year is entered, DNRC will assign December 31 as the month and day. If month and year is entered, DNRC will assign the last day of the month.

3. **DATE OF FILING OF WATER USE FROM THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE RECORDS** (attach copy)
 _____ (month/day/year) _____ Document No. _____ County _____

4. **SOURCE OF WATER** (well, spring, or name of lake, etc.) _____5. **DIVERSION RATE** (gallons per minute) _____

6. **POINT OF DIVERSION (POD)** Describe the location where water is diverted from the source.
 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 Sec _____, Twp _____ N/S, Rge _____ E/W, County _____
 Lot _____ Blk _____ Tract No. _____ COS # _____ Subdivision (if any) _____

7. **PLACE OF USE:**
 Purpose of Use: _____, if place of use is the same as POD, CHECK ☐
 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4 Sec _____, Twp _____ N/S, Rge _____ E/W, County _____
 Lot _____ Blk _____ Tract No. _____ COS # _____ Subdivision (if any) _____

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